area demonstration programme, solar thermal, solar photovoltaic, wind pumping and aero- generators, wind power and biomass gasifier.

Development of Non-Conventional Energy Sources in U.P.

†2226. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 146 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th December, 1999 and state:

(a) the names of such areas in Uttar Pradesh in which Non- Conventional Energy Sources will be developed in the coming five years;

(b) what are the schemes to be started in the year 2000-2001; and

(c) whether these schemes are environment friendly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): The Government responded to this matter through Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1467 on 15th December, 1999.

(a) and (b) The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is implementing a wide range of programmes for the production and development of Non-Conventional Energy Sources depending upon technical feasibility and economic viability of available technologies throughout the country including the State of Uttar Pradesh during Ninth Plan period and the year 2000-2001. In the State of Uttar Pradesh, a broad potential of 20.21 lakh biogas plants, 187.45 lakh improved chulhas, 159.17 megawatts small hydropower (upto 3 megawatt) and 1000 megawatts bagasse based co-generation power has been estimated. While biogas and improve chulha potential is spread throughout the State, small hydro potential is confined to the hilly areas and canal systems whereas bagasse based co-generation is confined to the sugar belt of the State.

(c) All Non-Conventional Energy systems and devices are largely non-polluting and environmentally benign.

Corruption in the SEBs

2227. SHRI SATISCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the corruption has been on increase in the State Electricity Board; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.